

RESOLUTION No. 15-361

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Dr. Bobby R. Sledge will receive the Religious Leadership Award, presented by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., on this Saturday, June 6, 2015, held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, for 27 years, Dr. Bobby R. Sledge has served as the senior pastor of the Victory World Outreach Ministries in Huntsville, Alabama. Since its inception, God has abundantly blessed Victory and its surrounding community through Pastor Sledge's unfailing dedication and steadfast commitment to strengthening families and enriching lives through the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and,

WHEREAS, he is universally recognized as a visionary, innovator, and organizer with superior and uncommon leadership qualities. Known as a "pastor's' pastor", his unique gifting transcends denominational, cultural, ethnical and generational boundaries. He is a nationally sought after preacher, facilitator and advisor. Also, he is the author of the book, *Now Faith Is...A New Way to Walk!* ; and,

WHEREAS, in June of 1987, Pastor Sledge established Victory World Outreach Ministries with his wife and two small children. His leadership has produced a spiritual explosion that is evidenced by the growth and advancement of the kingdom of God as multitudes of souls have been added to the kingdom. Many have been activated into their purpose and destiny.

WHEREAS, with the heart of a true servant, Pastor Sledge has served the community for many years. He is a veteran of the United States Army and as an employee of the Advanced Systems Division of United Technologies, he was responsible for various tool designs, changes, and modifications in support of the space program. Also, he served the Madison County Commission as a trainer and mentor for the coalition of At-Risk Minority Males. He is a certified mentor with the State Sentencing Institute of Montgomery, AL, and he has served as Curriculum Facilitator in Huntsville City Schools and Madison County Schools. Dedicated to the education profession and the thirst for continuing education, Pastor Sledge received a Doctorate degree in the Spring of 2012.

WHEREAS, remarkably, Pastor Sledge still finds time to serve his state as the State President of Missions for the Alabama First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. His love for Jesus Christ and the people of God have led him to speak and preach in churches, seminars, and conferences throughout the country and abroad including Germany, Kenya, and South Africa. For many years, the Local Mission department has served the community through evangelistic outreach, feeding the homeless, and meeting the needs of local families with food, clothing and hygiene items through Amy's Breadbox Pantry. Each year at Thanksgiving and

WHEREAS, Christmas, the team has joined in partnership with various community organizations to give away turkeys and boxes of food to hundreds of families in the

community. Under his leadership, the Missions ministry was able to help feed and clothed many residents who were affected by the April 27, 2011 tornadoes.

WHEREAS, Pastor Sledge is the son of Martha Anderson and the late Bobby F. Bell. He is married to the love of his life, Lady Amosene (Amy) Sledge and they are the proud parents of three children, Christopher, Candace and Derrell, and the proud grandparents of one grandchild, Caleb Ray.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Dr. Bobby R. Sledge, on receiving the Religious Leadership Award. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of May, 2015.

**President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama**

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**Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama**